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A SURVIVING HEROINE OF 1812.

[Harper's Magazine for June.]

There is an interesting story connected  
with Cedar Point, Seaside harbor, Mass.  
The heroine is Rebecca Bates, now a  
bright, genial old lady of 84, whose  
memory continues remarkably clear.  
The story, taken from her own lips, can  
be depended upon as thoroughly reliable.  
Her father was Captain Simon Bates;  
he was light-keeper at the time, and was  
the first who lit the light, in April, 1811.  
In the spring of the following year En-  
glish cruizers were numerous in Massa-  
chusetts Bay, and on one occasion the  
launches of an English frigate were sent  
to Seaside harbor. They set fire to ves-  
sels at the wharves, and towed out two,  
at the same time threatening to destroy  
the town if any resistance was offered.  
After this event a home guard was  
formed, and detachments were stationed  
on Cedar and Crow points, and in front  
of the village, with a brass piece. When  
there was no sail in sight the guards  
were allowed to go off to their farms.

Nothing to occasion alarm occurred  
until the following September. Rebecca,  
at that time 18 years of age, and her  
sister Abigail, 14 years old, and still  
living, were sitting toward evening sew-  
ing with their mother, Captain Bates  
and the rest of his large family and the  
guards were all away. Mrs. Bates told  
Rebecca it was time to put on the kettle.  
As Rebecca went into the kitchen she  
for the first time perceived an English  
ship-of-war close at hand and lowering  
the boats. "I knew the ship at a glance,"  
she said. "It was the La Hague. 'Oh,  
Lord!' says I to my sister, 'the old La  
Hague is off there again! What shall we  
do? Here are their barges coming again,  
and they'll burn up our vessels just as  
they did afore.' You see, there were two  
vessels at the wharf, loaded with flour,  
and we couldn't afford to lose that in  
those times, when the embargo made it  
so hard to live we had to bile pumpkins  
all day to get sweetening for sugar.  
There were the muskets of the guards.  
I was a good mind to take those out be-  
yond the light-house and fire them at  
the barges; I might have killed one or  
two, but it would have done no good,  
for they would have turned round and  
fired the village. 'I'll tell you what I'll  
do,' said I to my sister; 'look here,'  
says I, 'you take the drum, I'll take the  
fife.' I was fond of military music, and  
could play four tunes on the fife. Yan-  
kee Doodle was my masterpiece. I  
learned it on the fife which the soldiers  
had at the light-house. They had a drum  
there too; so I said to her, 'You take  
the drum and I'll take the fife.' 'What  
good'll that do?' says she. 'Scare them,'  
says I. 'All you've got to do is to call  
the roll, I'll scream the fife, and we  
must keep out of sight; if they see us,  
they'll laugh us to scorn.' I showed her  
how to handle the sticks, and we ran  
down behind the cedar wood. So we  
put in, as the boys say, and pretty soon  
I looked, and I could see the men in the  
barges resting on their oars and listen-  
ing. When I looked again I saw a flag  
flying from the masthead of the ship.  
My sister began to make a speech, and I  
said 'Don't make a noise; you make me  
laugh, and I can't pucker my mouth.'  
When I looked again I saw they had  
seen the flag, and they turned about so  
quick a man fell overboard, and they  
picked him up by the back of the neck  
and hauled him in. When they went off  
I played Yankee Doodle. Is not this  
heroine, who saved two ships laden with  
flour, and perhaps other valuables from  
destruction, entitled to a pension? She  
has five brothers and sisters still living,  
the eldest 85 and the youngest 71. Her  
grandfather was 100 years and one month  
old at the time of his death.

Bristol is, perhaps, the only city in the  
world that has two Mayors and two City  
Governments, police, etc., and taxed in  
two States. The line between Tennes-  
see and Virginia is in the center of Main  
street, and it gives rise to many funny  
scenes; as for example, the runaway  
couple need no coach and four, but arm  
in arm, step across Main street and are  
wedded. The fugitive commits a crime  
in Virginia, goes to the pavement on the  
other side of the street, and talks def-  
iantly to the officer on the opposite side,  
who has a warrant for his arrest. A mis-  
step or a too bold disposition will some-  
times, however, bring him to grief. Sev-  
eral instances have occurred of a fugitive  
being hustled across the line by a party  
prepared, while in the act of holding  
such conversation, and they tell of a man  
who defiantly perched himself on a pile  
of store boxes within six feet of the line,  
jeering the officers on the other side, but  
unfortunately for him, some more law-  
abiding citizens tilted the boxes, and  
when he reached the ground he was in  
the other State.

Girls, whose opinions about such  
things is always valuable, say that there's  
too much shirt collar and too little young  
man in the present fashion to suit their  
tastes.

# THE PIOCHE WEEKLY RECORD.

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## SUCCESS IN CURING CONSUMPTION.

In the last number of the Medical Record  
a physician gives details of his  
method of treating of consumption in  
extreme cases, with the happy result of  
curing from 60 to 75 per cent. The  
methods and the theory of the cure are  
in some respects quite new; they are  
published—as is the noble custom of the  
medical profession—so that other doc-  
tors can try and test them; and the  
benefit, whatever it may be, is open to  
all. Six cases are described; all had  
been treated by good physicians accord-  
ing to customary methods. At least half  
the patients had vainly tried residence  
in the West and South. Their lungs  
were deeply diseased. They were steady-  
ly growing worse, and seem to have  
been advised that their malady had be-  
come serious. Under the new treatment  
four of these patients recovered, and are  
again actively engaged in their business  
pursuits. One, whose case was greatly  
complicated with other diseases, after  
making good progress toward recovery,  
suffered fresh misfortune from a pleu-  
ritic abscess breaking into the lungs,  
but has since begun to regain health.  
One that had been supposed to present  
the most favorable case of the six when  
first presented for treatment, failed after-  
wards to gain strength, and died gently  
while asleep.

The time taken for recovery under the  
new treatment seems to vary from six  
months to a year, but relief from the  
more distressing symptoms was obtained  
in all cases in a much shorter period.  
The theory of cure is to clear the lungs  
by a mechanical treatment, chiefly of  
manipulating the muscles of the throat  
so as to cause more forcible breathing;  
second to establish perfect digestion;  
third, to promote a process of healing  
the tubercles, so that they shall become  
chalky or calcified masses; fourth, to  
compel the patients to take plenty of  
fresh air, sunlight, and out-door exer-  
cise. To secure perfect digestion, a  
special diet is ordered in each case, and  
the food is changed as the power of as-  
similating it improves; that part of the  
treatment was fully successful in each of  
the six instances described. To promote  
the calcifying of the tubercles, the salts  
of lime, which are found in most vegeta-  
ble and animal food, must be supplied  
in a soluble condition; the theory is that  
too much heat in ordinary cooking de-  
stroys the natural combination of these  
salts with albumen, and renders them  
insoluble to a weak digestion. In regard  
to out-door exercise, this is regarded as  
so important that the patients must go  
out in rain, snow, dampness or even  
night air or dew; and in twenty years of  
the doctor's practice, he knows of no  
instance of catching cold from such ex-  
posure. Only strong head-winds and  
extreme hot weather need to be guarded  
against. The patients sleep with the  
window open, winter and summer.

A SAD CASE.—The Fort Madison Plain  
Dealer, in its Penitentiary notes for the  
past week, says: Graham the man who  
has served a twenty years' sentence  
without committing the crime charged,  
goes out on the 8th instant.  
This refers to a sad case, and one that  
has been a standing disgrace to the State  
of Iowa, and especially to the County of  
Dubuque. This man was sent to the  
Penitentiary on the perjured evidence of  
his second wife and step-daughter, who  
to get rid of him so as to go to keeping a  
house of ill fame, trumped up the charge  
that he had attempted to outrage the  
person of the girl (the step-daughter),  
and had him arrested, and swore it  
through the court. Yet, afterwards over-  
come with remorse, the woman confessed  
the perjury. But still, and for the twelve  
years he had been known to be innocent,  
the man has been kept incarcerated.  
Stung to desperation by the injustice of  
his sentence, the man doggedly refused  
to work at hard labor, and to avoid it  
held up one of his feet till it nearly  
touched his back, and kept it so con-  
stantly in that position as to contract  
the muscles and tendons and make him  
lame permanently. Next his mind was  
affected, and for years the visitor to the  
Penitentiary has been pained by the  
sight of this man, so terribly wrecked,  
wandering about the cell room catching  
rats and introducing himself to all  
corners as "Gen. Death-Bell." He was  
an intelligent, honorable mechanic when  
he was trapped into the Penitentiary.  
Now he is an imbecile and a wreck, to  
whom it is reserved for death alone to be  
kind. It is understood that the reason  
he has not been paroled out long ago  
is, that "being an imbecile, he could  
only go to the poorhouse, and to be an  
expense to the county!"—[Des Moines  
(Ia.) Register.]

Since Edison invented the telephone  
and phonograph he has more orders for  
new inventions than he can attend to.  
One party wants him to invent a bone-  
less shad; another asks him to turn his  
attention to a gas-meter that won't  
always lie in favor of the company; a  
third desires a pocketbook that will  
always contain a dollar or two; and  
while he is about he might as well in-  
vent some of his inventive genius into a  
flight of stairs that won't creak like all  
possessed when a man sneaks into the  
house at night.

"Where shall we spend the summer?"  
asks Jones of his spouse. "Better  
spend part of it with your wife," is her  
reply.

Let a millionaire be ever so much of a  
bachelor a widow is certain to contest  
his will.

## THE MYSTERIOUS "STYLPH."

The mysterious sylph who figured in the trial of  
General Babcock for complicity with the  
St. Louis whisky ring frauds reappears  
upon the scene in connection with Gen-  
eral McDonald, who is living at his coun-  
try seat in Green Lake, Wis., since he  
got out of prison. The sylph, an en-  
ticing widow, accused of possessing a  
living husband and four children, visited  
McDonald in prison, according to Scrip-  
ture injunction, and when he was released  
he brought her to his Green Lake home,  
where she has since "boasted" his family  
and farm, accompanying him a-field and  
to market and sticking to him with the  
familiarity of a bur. Mrs. McDonald,  
a silver-haired, intelligent, Christian  
woman, has been treated like a child, but  
she bore the exactions of the usurper  
until she broke a goblet over her head  
and McDonald locked his wife in her  
room from which she escaped through a  
window and trapped to a neighbor's  
through mud and darkness. A trial for  
assault followed, the La Mothe woman  
was fined \$10 and costs, which General  
McDonald paid, and at last his wife has  
sued for a divorce because of adultery  
and abuse. McDonald is a dashing fel-  
low of forty, and says Mrs. La Mothe  
was given into his care by her dying  
husband, a personal friend of his, and  
has since furnished him with \$10,000,  
and has only remained with him until  
she could marry the Chicago real estate  
agent to whom she is engaged.

MAXIMILIAN'S DIAMONDS.—While in  
the City of Mexico recently, General  
J. F. C. Davis became the fortunate pur-  
chaser of a diamond scarf and shawl pin,  
which, in addition to its intrinsic beauty  
and value, is of great historical interest.  
It was presented by the Emperor of  
Austria to Maximilian before the latter  
left Vienna for Mexico, and worn by  
Maximilian until after his sentence of  
death, when it was presented by him to a  
faithful Mexican adherent. The owner  
found it necessary to realize on its valu-  
able present, whether by pawning or  
selling is not known, and it was offered  
for sale in one of the jewelry establish-  
ments of the City of Mexico. Here it  
became an object of curiosity and inter-  
est, especially to foreign residents and  
visitors. Our Minister, General Foster,  
called General Davis' attention to the  
pin, which is of gold, oval shaped, the  
upper portion surmounted with a crown,  
the whole resting on the wings of the  
Mexican eagle, while the eagle holds in  
his claws, or rather is standing on a  
large diamond. The central portion  
is a dark blue ground of enamel, on  
which are combined coats of arms of  
Austria and Mexico. Beneath is the  
monogram, "M. I. M."—Maximilian  
I., Mexico. There are eighty-five di-  
amonds in all on the face of the pin, of  
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fore a gas jet it becomes a blaze of bril-  
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